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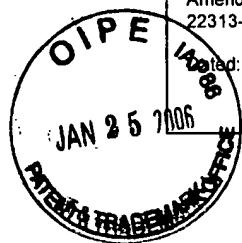
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For: METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR
SWITCHING FIBRE CHANNEL
ARBITRATED LOOP DEVICES

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Dear Sir:

The above-identified patent application was filed on July 1, 2003. We are writing to inquire about the status of this case. An indication of when the first Office Action might be received would be appreciated.

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